Development of roads

2829. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether roads development is be ing given high priority all over the coun try in order to encourage trade, com merce, tourism and other traffic; and

(b) whether Governmen t are aware that road traffic in Delhi has been made totally bnpleasent and difficult due to heavy dependence by traffic police on punishment rather than education and creation of bottlenecks in traffic all over Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. Road Development is given due priority.

<b) Delhi Administration have reported that a number of steps have been taken to inculcate better sense of road discipline amongst the drivers and these include issuance of Learners' Manual, rigorous test at the time of grant of driving licence, introduction of poloride form of driving licence making it impossible to issue a licence in absentia, declaration of 1987 as an year of road safety in Delhi where the action-plan covers publicity through various media, eye-testing camps for drivers, **etc.**

Professional Diplomas

2830. SHRI K: MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Profes-sional Diplomas considered equivalent to bachelor's degrees; and

(b) whether three yens diploma in the Hotel Management. Catering and Nutrition Technology and the Engineering Diplomas being awarded by various institutes and polytechnics are such diplomas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF KD' NATION AND CULTURE IN THE LilNISTRY OF HUMAN "SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MAT KRISHNA SAHI): (a) On the advice of the Board of Assessment for Educational Qualifications, Government of lndia have recognised Membership Examinations of some Professional Bodies for recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government where normally degrees in the a propriale bra .ches of Engineering or Technology arc prescribed as the qualification for the recruitment. The list of the Professional Bodies whose Membership Examinations have been re-congnised by the Government of India' for recruitment to superior posts and -ervices under Central Government in the field of Engineering and Technology is enclosed. *(See* statement below)

(b) The three years diploma in Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition Technology and the diplomas in Engineering and Technology awarded by the State Boards of Technology Education and offered by the approved Polytechnics and other technical institutes affiliated to them are not such diplomas as considered equivalent for the purpose of recruitment to superior posts and services under the ' Central Government.

Statement

List of Professional bodies whose membership Examinations have been Recognised by Government of lndia for Recruitment to superior Posts and Services Under the Central Government

S No.	Name of Address of Professional Body	Examination Recognised
1.	The Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), 8, Gokhale Road, Calcutta -700020.	Sections A & B of the Ass oca e Membership Examination,
2	The Secretary, The Aeronauticsl Society of India, 13-B Indraprastha Estate, New Deihi-1.	Parts II & HI of Associate Membership Examination 2, Sections A & B (New Scheme-) of Associate Membership Examinations,
3.	The Secretary, Institution of Surveyors India Maude Road, Delhi Cantt. 110010.	Final Examination in any of the following branches: a) Land Surveying b) Hydrographics Surveying c) Buildings, Quality and valuation surveying.
4	The Secretary, Institute of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineers. Plot No. 2, Institutional Area Lodi Road New Delhi-110003.	Graduateship Examination.
5	The Secretary, Indian Instt. of Metals, 2, Sambunath Pandit Street, Calcutta-700020.	Associate Membership Examination.
6	The Secretary, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Rajasubodh, Mullick Road, P.B. No. 17001, Calcutta-700032.	Associate Membership Examination.
7	The Secretary, Institution of Chemists India) 11/1 Dr. Biresh Kumar Road, Calcutta-700017.	Associate Diploma Examinations.
8	Institution of Mechnicai Engineers (India), Post Box No. 10146, Bombay.	Associate Membership Examination.
9	The Secretary, National Productivity Council, Productivity House, Lodi Road, New Delhi-170003.	Two years Post-graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering.

Female literacy rate, in the States

2831. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of States in which the female literacy rate in below average and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the steps taken the Central Government to reduce the drop-out rate of giri students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE, DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to 1981 Census (excluding Assam) national average of female literacy for all age-group in lndia was 24.82 per cent. The following 11 Statesl U.Ts have literacy rate below national average: